

24 May 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Wayne Boring, Director, OSWR, DDI

SUBJECT : CIA documents relating to the Korean War,
for possible release to the Department of
the Army's Center of Military History


FROM : Chief, History Staff

1. The attached letter of 7 January 1982 from the U.S. Army's Center of Military History requested access for Dr. Albert Cowdrey to examine CIA-originated documents with information about Communist propaganda charges of germ warfare, 1950-1953, in his research for the official medical history volume in the United States Army's Korean War series.

2. With the help of a DDI Aegis run we have identified a number of documents relevant to Dr. Cowdrey's research. Of these, we would be grateful if you would review the enclosed documents to determine whether they can be released to Dr. Cowdrey for his use in this official history.

3. Dr. Cowdrey is familiar with the requirements in CIA's "Access Policy Concerning Presidential Libraries (rev. July 12, 1977)" for CIA review before any released material can be declassified, downgraded, or published.

4. I would be grateful if you would return these documents with your determination to DCI History Staff, 316 Ames Building.


J. Kenneth McDonald

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7 January 1982

Dear Dr. McDonald:

As you may remember from my last request for information, I am currently working on a medical history of the Korean War. This volume is to form part of the U.S. ARMY IN THE KOREAN WAR series, published by the Center of Military History.

One of the important medical stories of the war was the propaganda campaign dating from the spring of 1951 onward, in which the Communist powers accused the United Nations forces of using germ warfare in Korea. To the best of my knowledge, the provenance, purpose and effects of this campaign have never been fully unraveled.

In hopes of clarifying the sequence of events, I would like to examine the periodic intelligence summaries prepared by the National Foreign Assessment Center or the Director for Intelligence Research and Analysis for 1951 - 53. If possible, I would like to visit your office and perform the research myself.

I have a SECRET clearance, a copy of which is attached for your convenience. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely yours,

ALBERT E. COWDREY
Chief, Medical History Branch